Basmati rice is on OGL and there is demand for this item.

Limited exports of non-basmati rice are also taking place.

Cleaning of Rivers

*280. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of rivers in the country which are proposed to be cleaned by Government;

(b) the amount of money allocated for this purpose during the last two years; and

(c) the amount of money actually spent so far?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) A programme for cleaning of the Ganga has been launched. Proposals for cleaning of the Yamuna are being considered. Presently, there is no proposal to take up other rivers.

(b) The amount allocated during 1985-86 was Rs. 10.00 crores and during 1986-87 the allocation is Rs. 52.00 crores.

(c) An amount of Rs. 29.36 crores has been made available to the State Governments till January 31, 1987.

High rising buildings in Delhi

†2159. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of high rise buildings, both Government and private in Delhi which will not be covered by the provisions of Delhi Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Act, 1986;

(b) what are the reasons for exempting them from the provisions of this Act; and

(c) what steps are being taken for the safety of the inmates of these buildings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) All the high-rise buildnigs having a height of 15 mtrs. and above will be covered.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The managements of the high-rise buildings which had been found to be deficient in fire safety/protection measures, have been given a directive to make provisions like 6 mtr. approach, water storage, automatic sprinkler system, fire alarm, public address system, exit signs, emergency power supply, fire fighting equipment, etc. Under the Delhi Fire Prevention & Fire Safety Act, 1986, penalty of imprisonment and fine can be imposed, if the directions of the Chief Fire Officer are not carried out.

Investment made by Indian companies in joint ventures

‡2160. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the joint ventures in Industrial Sector operating in different countries;

(b) whether any study has been made of the investments made by Indian companies in them;

†Previously unstarred question 1250, transferred from the 6th March, 1987

‡Previously unstarred question 1381, transferred from the 9th March, 1987

(c) whether the investments have been rising or falling during the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) the proposals, if any, under contemplation of Govt. to start new joint ventures?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) The list of Joint ventures in Industrial Sector operating in different countries, is enclosed. [See Appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 98]

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Accumulative figures of total investments during preceding 3 years are as under:

(Rs. in crores)

1984	85.30
1985	93.84
1986	92.00

(d) At present, there are 9 proposals for setting up joint ventures under consideration.

Indian investment in joint venture projects

†2161. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total Indian investment in joint ventures in foreign countries during the last five years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Indian investment in joint ventures abroad has virtually remained stagnant during the last five years; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) The total investment approved in joint Venture projects during the last five years was Rs. 11.93 crores.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

'Q' mark engines

†2162. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 'Q' mark engines are exported outside India and that those have been found to be good engines;

(b) how much foreign exchange 'Q' mark engines earn annualy;

(c) the reasons for which subsidy and loan facilities that were earlier available for 'Q' mark engines are now discontinued; and

(d) whether it is a fact that ISI laboratory in Gujarat tested 'Q' mark engine and found it on par with ISI specifications?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) Engines are being exported from India. No separate figures of export are, however, being maintained by the Ministry of Commerce, in respect of 'Q' mark engines. Commerce Ministry also does not maintain assessments of buyers specifically for 'Q' mark engines.

(c) A Working Group constituted by the National Level Standing Committee for improving the operational efficiency of irrigation pumpsets have recommended that loans and refinance be provided only to the energy efficient pumping systems with ISI mark and financing for 'Q' mark pumpsets should be done away with in a phased manner.

†Previously unstarred question 1881, transferred from the 12th March, 1987.

†Previously unstarred question 2032, transferred from the 13th March, 1987.